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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I live in rural Sonoma County, in northern California. Thanks to the current telecom regulations, we are able to receive quality DSL internet and land-line telephone service at an affordable price. Last time I checked, we were paying approximately half of what AT&T was charging for the same service. People living in rural areas are at a disadvantage when it comes to broadband telecom. Many in our community still don't have access to high speed internet at an affordable price. The current system is allowing small visionary companies to build out to these underserved areas. Don't stifle this growth now that it is finally gathering momentum.

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